

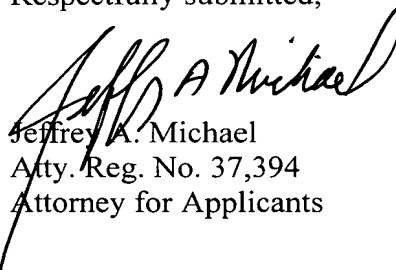
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to indicate the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

Applicant has cancelled previously presented claims 1-17, and has presented new claims 18-47 for substantive examination. The newly presented claims 18-47 are fully supported in the specification, and no new matter has been added by these claims.

Claims 18-47 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

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